Reviewer’s report

Title: A bibliometric analysis of scientific production in the field of lingual orthodontics

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Reviewer: Rainer Schwestka-Polly

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With lingual orthodontics, especially with completely customized lingual appliances, an orthodontist has the opportunity to achieve a treatment outcome with excellent precision.

The submitted manuscript consists of a bibliometric analysis of scientific literature from 1978-2017 concerning lingual orthodontics. 341 articles were reviewed.

The following aspects should be improved:

Please, observe the guidelines "Preparing your manuscript", especially in the chapter "References".

In the chapter "Abstracts" the sentence "Bibliometric indicators showed an irregular increase in the rate of publication over time ….. ." should be changed into "Bibliometric indicators showed a tremendous increase in the rate of publication over time ….. ."

In the same chapter the sentence "Although articles on lingual orthodontics are published mainly in North American journals, it is largely a European domain." should be checked. The sentence could be changed into: "Although articles on lingual orthodontics are published mainly in North American journals, lingual orthodontics is largely a European domain."

Additionally, the same sentence should be changed in the chapter "Conclusions".

The quality of Figs. 2-4 should be improved.

Please, check the kind of citation in Table 4, improve the citation according the guidelines "Preparing your manuscript" und use the standard abbreviation of a journal’s name.

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